

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 8 PM St. Paul's Church, 2430 K St., NW



Featured guests will be the Inner Voices from Lorton Reformatory. As indicated by the "full house" around this time last year, their dramatic presentation should not be missed.

Foggy Bottom Aews

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

October 30, 1972

Dennis Williams called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM.

Treasurer's Report. Jim Murphy reported that FBA has a balance of \$585.33 and a member ship of 112.

Mail Collection. It was noted that Foggy Bottom has no mail pick-up after 2:30 p.m. on weekdays, and proposed that FBA send a letter to the appropriate postal official requesting a later collection time.

Traffic on 25th Street. In response to a request from FBA, the truck traffic on 25th Street has been largely re-routed.

<u>Police</u>. Capt. Garner of the Foggy Bottom police precinct made an appearance at the meeting and answered questions from those in attendance.

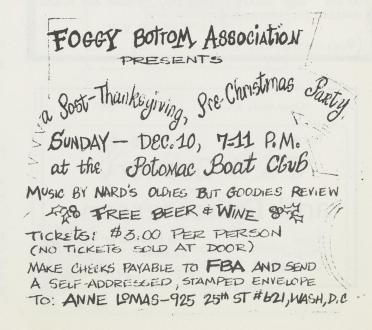
Bicentennial, Mark Plaisted, Foggy Bottom's representative to the District of Columbia Bicentennial Committee, reported that two projects with implications for Foggy Bottom are being funded: (1) rehabilitation of St. Mary's Church on 23rd Street, which was designed by the architect Philip Renwick—\$215,000 will be granted to renovate the parish house and establish a center for the elderly; and (2) George Washington University's American Studies program will receive a grant to secure all early writings of black authors and journalists in the Washington area, assembling them into some sort of a heritage document.

There were some inquiries as to how these particular projects had been selected and whether others might be proposed at this late date. Mr. Plaisted said the projects were chosen in a crash program last June when President Nixon suddenly announced there would be \$6 million available for the District for the bicentennial. Very little time had existed for determining projects, and these two were somehow chosen. Mr. Plaisted offered to take any other ideas Foggy Bottom residents or the Association might have to the Committee for possible funding in the future, but he could offer no assurance that additional grants would be available.

Beautification. Susan Neville announced that she hoped FBA would take on neighborhood beautification as a project, and she offered to help launch such a project. Considerable interest was expressed in this idea.

Speaker. John V. Brink, Chief, Bureau of Air and Water Quality Control, D.C. Department of Environmental Services, was the speaker. In a general discussion of water and air pollution problems in the District, Mr. Brink raised these as well as other points: (1) the District has a real problem with water, for the Potomac is one of a few unregulated rivers in the U.S. If a period of drought occurs, we could very well end up with no water; (2) auto pollution is a continuing hazard made the more difficult by the fact that Mr. Brink has only 3 inspectors on the street for air pollution violations, while the 4000-man police department which has street authority and could enforce anti-pollution standards, does not do so; (3) parking in the city should be limited, so that people will not bring their cars into the city, thus eliminating some of the auto-caused pollution. Mr. Brink said, for example, that the police do not enforce the buslane provisions of the law which would enable the buses to move through traffic rather than idling, which is a major cause of pollution. The police could enforce a law now on the books forbidding a bus to idle more than 3 minutes. The police could enforce illegal parking provisions, he suggested. All of these would help to cut down air pollution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



IN MEMORIAM

Foggy Bottom News readers will be saddened to learn of the death last month of good neighbor, former Foggy Bottom Association executive board member and FBNews gadfly Burton Wilson.

Reversing the usual migratory direction, Burton and his wife Thankful moved to this area following his retirement from a successful career in Florida. His desire to participate in making the community a better place to live prompted him to become active in the Association and to serve as a volunteer at the City Hall Complaint Center.

He believed strongly in the principle of accountability-individual, governmental and corporate.

Among the subjects that have felt the jab of his well-aimed pen are litter, pollution, waste, laziness, and uncaring landlords. Yet he was equally quick to praise a good neighbor or a beautiful day.

The best memorial we can honor him with is to carry on the good work he was doing toward a more liveable world. Let's make a complaining telephone call or write an angry letter today!

ON SALARIES

During World War II while I was doing full-time war work, trying to keep my business going (with my wife's loyal help) and develop an air raid organization in my area of town, a man who did none of these things asked me what my salary was as air raid warden. For those who may not know, the "salary" of an air raid warden was solely his personal commitment to his community.

The incident is often brought to mind in discussing the Foggy Bottom Association with Washingtonians-and even with Bottomites. Everyone in the Association, members, committee chairmen, the editor and staff of the newsletter, board members, officers, all receive exactly the same "salary"—each one's personal commitment to his community-Foggy Bot-

You are welcomed to join in this tax-free "salary" by becoming a member, or by volunteering for some of the "high salary" positions. Phone any board member for information.

B.T.W.

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6:45 am - Morning Prayer

7:00 am - Low Mass

8:00 am - Low Mass

10:00 am - SOLEMN MASS 6:00 pm - Evening Prayer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I just came across your article soliciting suggestions for a midwinter frolic. May I suggest a combination antique show, flea market and home baked food show. Maybe one of the area churches could lend out one of their social rooms for the day.

Stanley Garil

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... AND FIVE TO GO

There is nothing about Mrs. Angelina James to suggest that she will soon be celebrating herown centennial while the nation is still rejoicing in its bicentennial. Angelina was born in Halifax, Virginia, on August 6, 1877.

Early in October on a beautiful Fall afternoon, I strolled around the corner to Mrs. James' home on 25th Street, to keep an appointment with her and learn more about this remarkable centenarian in our midst, and found that she had enlisted the services of her friend, Mrs. Kathleen Cecelia Turner to interpret for her. But the message was not quite clear. She has a little difficulty hearing and finds she can understand her friend easier because she is used to hearing her. Otherwise the years have touched her lightly and you would never guess her right age.

As she reminisced, Angelina recalled that after her parents were freed from slavery by Dr. William Pleasant of Richmond and had left his farm, her mother refused to let Angelina's brother work again for his overseer because the latter beat the boy. But she did agree that he could work for a Rev. Coleman near Richmond and he stayed there until he left for work on the railroads.

Angelina does not remember exactly when she came to Washington, but she does remember well that where she worked (for \$10 a month) she had to be in the kitchen by 6:30 a,m. and hot biscuits were daily fare. Her first marriage, and she did not recall when that was or for how long, was to Mr. Wellington of Maryland. After his death she married Mr. James and moved to his house on Eye Street fifteen years ago where she still lives.

Her picture on the mantel of her living room shows a handsome woman and must have been taken during the time that she and her friend Kathleen were singing and playing nearly every night around town at the different churches. They were both ordained missionaries of the little Baptist church, at that time on the corner of 25th and Virginia Avenue—where the newest high rise is going up. Kathleen accompanied

Angelina on the guitar and sometimes joined in the singing. She said she stopped at the old church location when they started to excavate and asked what they were going to do with that "holy ground."

And that's the way it went. Kathleen was fairly bubbling over with Foggy Bottom lore. She came here 42 years ago as the wife of an enlisted soldier and has watched its metamorphosis. She worked in different homes on the base and through this experience she had the opportunity to know General George Patton. Whether it was this contact with the man famed for his magnificent rescue of the Vienna Lippizaners or just naturally a part of her makeup, Kathleen loves horses. (I recall the general's first claim to fame when he chastised some soldiers for their too enthusiastic wolf whistles. I wonder if the girls minded. We never heard from them.—Ed.) Then there was another bit about "Mr. Pete, the neighborhood saloon keeper", who used to put on Fourth of July fireworks.

As I rose to say goodbye, Angelina cast a rather skeptical glance at my red plaid slacks—the quiet ones—and wanted to know what was possessing women that "they put on men's pants." Who knows.

Jane Planck





MWCCA'S CLEAN AIR PROGRAM

The activities of the Coalition are directed by a Chairman, a nine-member Executive Board and a fulltime Executive Director. The MWCCA assists citizens in directing their energies toward the following specific program areas:

COMMUNITY PROJECTS-Identify specific sources of air pollution in this area and develop strategies to force their reduction and elimination.

EDUCATION-Plan and develop air pollution control projects and curricula changes for elementary and secondary schools and universities throughout the metropolitan area.

'LEGAL ACTION-Help enforce laws and regulations and promote legal proceedings to prevent unlawful

air pollution.

PUBLICITY-Develop or disseminate information on air pollution, its sources, its effects, and its solutions.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS-Review technical air pollution control regulations and make recommendations for the endorsement of Coalition members.

MWCCA ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

PUBLISHES informative newsletter; provides speakers, assists and mobilizes citizens to testify at

public hearings.

DEVELOPS and implements strategies to deal with specific air pollution sources such as D.C. Transit, municipal incinerators, and large installations such as federal facilities and hospitals.

PROMOTES solution-oriented projects such as traffic-free zones, carpools, mass-transit, and re-

cycling projects.

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GOOD NEIGHBORS

The residents of 25th Street can thank the Foggy Bottom Association and some of its members for a significant decrease in the noise pollution in the neighborhood and an increase in safety.

As members of the Association may recall, a resident of 25th Street asked at the last meeting exactly what could be done about the Metro excavation trucks roaring down 25th Street with full load 24 hours a day. After the last meeting, one valiant soul who is a long-time m'e nber of the Association decided that she had had enough of the trucks. In her "post meet-

ing attire" she managed to stop one of the Metro trucks and refused to move. A team of Metro investi-

gators sped to the scene and assured action.

Good neighbors that they are trying to be, Metro has now chosen an alternate route for its trucks and work is proceeding on schedule. Our thanks to our good neighbor for her action and to the other members who took this action to the Hill and the District officials.

Yet to be solved is the problem of the Super Concrete Company whose trucks have refused to change their travel route at our verbal request. More will be said on this matter at our next meeting. If you are concerned about a safe and noise free neighborhood,

please attend to add your support.

Thanks are due to the person who, in the name of the Association halted the early morning pile driving activity at the new construction site at 25th and H Streets. The company has agreed to conform with Metro standards and will not operate its noisy pile driving mechanisms prior to 7:30 AM. We welcome this type of community cooperation.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

Washington, D.C. is still in the novice stage of election procedures. Absentee balloting was cut off on November 3 this year which left all of those people entering hospitals after that date without a vote-disenfranchised.

The Board of Elections was contacted about this in time to institute an emergency program to correct the oversight but they could do nothing "because there was no provision written into the regulations governing elections" to provide hospital confinees with the means to vote.

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by Dorth Arnold

Outdoor entertaining should be over according to the calendar but the nights are so crisp and beautiful maybe you'd like to have one more party in your garden. Invite your friends to dress warmly and come to this oyster roast.

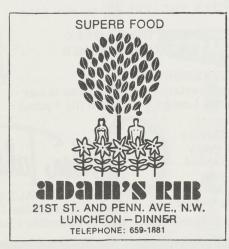
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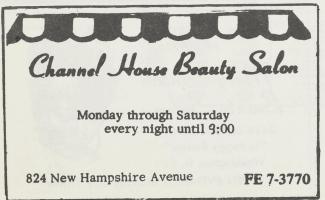
*Tiny Hot Dogs

Buy cans of Libby's Vienna Sausage. Drain and dry each sausage, spread sparingly with mustard and wrap in a small piece of Pillsbury Crescent Roll. Place on a buttered baking sheet and bake until light brown in a 400 degree oven.

*Roast Oysters

Buy 9 to 12 oysters per person. Scrub them well with a brush under cold running water. Place a heavy sheet of non-galvanized metal over your grill—the top of a 50-gallon drum is ideal for this. Have a hot fire going in the grill and place the oysters on this metal sheet. Cover with wet gunny sacks. When the oysters open they are ready to eat. Serve them with melted butter or piquant cocktail sauce.





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After monopolizing six more weeks at the corner at 25th and Eye, the giant wheeled iron works have again removed their claimor to other corners. It should be peacefully quiet from here on where the Metro is concerned for all activity is confined under ground, but you won't have a chance to miss the racket because jack hammers and roaring trucks have taken over at the new high rise and the surrounding fence occupies most of the sidewalk.

Construction seems to be moving right along under the Potomac. Starting from 27th Street, the In-bound tunnel is 1325 feet on its way toward Rosslyn and the out-bound is 1235 feet. They have come 150 feet toward Eye Street.

J.P.



OKTOBERFEST SUCCESSFUL

Saint Paul's parking lot was the site of the annual Foggy Bottom Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 14th. Bottomites turned out en masse to listen to the sounds of a German band, consume traditional hot dogs and beer, and just plain socialize. Our past "Pony Expressites", Charles and Dorothy Schoeneman, were the guests of honor.

We especially thank Saint Paul's Church for the use of their parking lot and kitchen; Federal Market for the food; the One Step Down Lounge for the beer; the Watergate Safeway for the ice; and Top Value Liquors for the soda and cooler. Also deserving of special mention are some people who really worked hard to make this Oktoberfest the success it was: Dennis Williams, Jim Murphy, Susan Neville, and Ken Durham.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LECTURE SERIES

"A City and a Theatre: Fifth Century Athens" will be the topic of the lecture series to be given by the noted classical scholar Dr. Bernard M. W. Knox, Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, D.C. from November 4, 1972 through February 3, 1973, at The George Washington University.

The Saturday morning series is jointly sponsored by the university's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences and its Department of Classics.

The lectures, eight in number, will be given in Room 101 of Classroom Building C, 2201 G St., NW from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with one exception. Prices are \$5.00 for the series or \$1.00 for a single lecture. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance. For information call: 676-6130 or 676-6125.

Following the introductory lecture on Saturday, November 4, Dr. Knox, who is an actor and teacher as well as a scholar, will lecture on <u>The Oresteia</u> by Aeschylus (November 11 and 18); on <u>Oedipus the King</u> by Sophocles (December 2); on <u>Antigone</u> by Sophocles

(December 9); on Medea by Europides (December 16 in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 800 - 21stSt., NW); on Electra by Euripides (January 27, 1973); and on Bacchae by Euripides (February 3, 1973).

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Dr. Knox is the author of Oedipus at Thebes as well as an acting version of Oedipus the King. He received the National Institute of Arts and Letters Award for Literature in 1967. In association with the Council for a Television Course in the Humanities of Boston, Mass., he wrote the script for four 30-minute color films on Oedipus the King and also appeared in the films. These films are distributed by Encyclopedia Britannica Films and are used in many schools.

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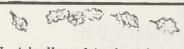
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Ukrainian Dance Show, Dukla, Washington Performing Arts Society; Kennedy Center Concert Hall, 8:30 PM. For ticket information call 393-4433.

NOVEMBER 28-TUESDAY

Concert, National Symphony Orchestra, Howard Mitchell, conducting, Christoph Eschenbach, pianist; Kennedy Center Concert Hall, 8:30 PM. For ticket information call 254-3776.

NOVEMBER 29—WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Morning Lecture Series, film "Picture Frontier," talk by Mr. Michael Rosel, Information Attache of Embassy of Australia, Institute of Lifetime Learning; Dupont Theatre, 10:30 AM. Small donation.

Organ Recital, Helen Penn; St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, 12:10 PM. Free.

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